

To: Colaizzi, Jennifer C.[Colaizzi.Jennifer@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 2:06:12 AM
Subject: Fwd: Media Advisory for Farmington?

In case you want to see this tonight.-George

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 9:54:00 PM EDT
To: "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, EOC Public Information <EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Media Advisory for Farmington?

FYI

We will very likely have to send a media advisory in the morning about the Admin's press event in Farmington tomorrow.

David's drafting and it will need quick review once we get it.

From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:36 PM
To: Gray, David
Cc: StClair, Christie; Harrison, Melissa
Subject: Re: Media Advisory for Farmington?

We likely won't do press call tomorrow because of the availability.

Please be sure to get a recording tomorrow of the admin

Liz Purchia
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On Aug 12, 2015, at 8:14 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

That I can do

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 6:10 PM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok, I think we'll want to send in the AM, so I'm thinking 7 AM MT and that should be enough time for reporters to get there.

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:40 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
Cc: StClair, Christie; Harrison, Melissa
Subject: Re: Media Advisory for Farmington?

Not any time soon

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 5:31 PM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

David - Can you take the lead on drafting the advisory for tomorrow?

Contact:

Christie St. Clair, press@epa.gov

For Immediate Release

Aug. 12, 2015

2:00 PM MDT: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Holding Media Availability in Durango, CO

DURANGO, CO - EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will visit Durango, CO today to inspect response efforts relating to the release of waste water from Gold King mine, and meet with state, local and tribal officials and community members. McCarthy will hold a media availability in Durango for credentialed news media only about the response. Tomorrow, Administrator McCarthy will visit the response efforts in Farmington, NM. More details about the visit will be released as they become available.

WHEN: 2:00 PM MTN

WHO: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy

WHAT: Administrator McCarthy media availability on the unified response to the Gold King Mine incident.

WHERE: Outside Gold King Mine Unified Command Center

2500 Main. Ave.
Durango, CO 81301

NOTE: The media availability in Durango will take the place of today's media conference call.

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From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:14 PM
To: Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa
Subject: Fwd: Question on Admin. McCarthy availability in Farmington

What are we saying about her NM visit?

Christie St. Clair

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From: Dean Higuchi <Higuchi.Dean@epamail.epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 5:06:22 PM MDT
To: "Cmacpherson@sjbhd.org" <Cmacpherson@sjbhd.org>, "CNinde@sjbhd.org" <CNinde@sjbhd.org>, <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop <Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epamail.epa.gov>, Kelly Zito <Zito.Kelly@epamail.epa.gov>
Subject: **Question on Admin. McCarthy availability in Farmington**

Reporter request for interview with Administrator in Farmington, please see email below:

Thanks!

Dean Higuchi

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From: Chris Roberts [<mailto:croberts@daily-times.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:02 PM

To: Higuchi, Dean

Subject: Re: Statement, Photos & Audio from EPA Administrator in Durango, CO

Hi Dean,

A representative for Ben Ray Lujan mentioned that Administrator McCarthy would be in Farmington tonight and that we might be able to get a brief interview with her. He was short on details, however. Is there any chance of that and can you verify she will be here this evening?

Thanks

Chris

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On Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 4:44 PM, Dean Higuchi
<higuchi.dean@epa.gov> wrote:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 12, 2015

Statement, Photos & Audio from EPA Administrator in Durango,
CO

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy visited Durango, CO to inspect response efforts relating to the release of waste water from Gold King mine, and meet with state, local and tribal officials and community members. Tomorrow, Administrator McCarthy will visit the response efforts in Farmington, NM. More details about the visit will be released as they become available.

While in Durango, Administrator McCarthy attended a briefing at the Unified EPA Area Command where she discussed promising new data from August 7th, 8th, and 9th that is showing water quality levels in the Animas River near Durango similar to pre-event conditions. EPA is continuing to work with local community officials tasked with making decisions about public health. Later this afternoon EPA scientists will be meeting with those officials to discuss the new data and any decisions moving forward.

Photos: Photos from EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's trip to Durango, CO to inspect response efforts relating to the release of waste water from Gold King mine, and meet with state, local and tribal officials and community members.

Audio: Audio from EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's remarks and press conference at the Unified EPA Area Command in Durango, CO, on response efforts relating to the release of waste water from Gold King Mine.

Following the briefing, the Administrator held a press briefing at the Unified EPA Area Command in Durango. The following remarks can be attributed to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy:

No agency could be more upset about the incident happening, and more dedicated in doing our job to get this right. We couldn't be more sorry. Our mission is to protect human health and the environment. We will hold ourselves to a higher standard than anyone else.

I want to assure the general public as well as the leaders in the states, the counties and the tribal leaders, that we are working hand in hand with our partners to expedite this review, to expedite some return to normalcy in terms of using this river.

The river is returning to pre-event conditions. This is very good news, but we will be working with our partners so they have a chance to review this data thoroughly and have a chance to talk through this data in terms of what it means to their decisions moving forward. We are going to let this high quality and reliable science be our guide.

From this point on, the data will continue to come out. And that's what's going to influence decisions on what should happen in this river and in the affected counties.

For additional information on the response to the Gold King Mine release www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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